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### THE FRONT COVER

The restored beauty of the interior of  
the Alumni Memorial Auditorium is not  
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## From the Editor's Desk . . .

Although Ohio University's new regulation requiring a demon-  
strated ability to write clear and correct English as a condition of  
graduation will undoubtedly pinch a number of undergraduate feet  
and result in some wailing, the measure is regarded as a proper and  
highly desirable one by many persons, especially those not subject to  
its provisions.

Upon learning of it recently the "Cleveland Plain Dealer" editor-  
ialized under a title, "Not Too High a Hurdle," as follows:

THE ADMINISTRATIVE officials of Ohio University have just  
made an announcement that probably created in the dormitories  
and fraternity houses high above the Hocking's waters, a wave of  
apprehension that you could have recorded on a seismograph.

Students at the state institution of higher learning in Athens are  
going to have to demonstrate that they can employ the English  
language passably well in order to obtain their diplomas.

Starting at the tail end of their sophomore year, undergraduates  
at Ohio U. will have to undergo a test of their proficiency in writing  
English and, if they fail the first time, will have to get a passing mark  
in their junior or senior year, or else no baccalaureate degree. Those  
who flunk the test in their underclass years, and thereby reveal an in-  
ability to write English well enough to express themselves in all fields  
of upperclass work, will receive special training which, it is hoped will  
enable them to graduate with credit to their university, "into the  
company of educated men and women."

Some of the present day undergraduates, at Ohio University  
as well as at other colleges, may consider this requirement ak'in to an  
academic inquisition. It isn't at all, and it shouldn't even be necessary.

What, we feel certain, a great many people would like to know is  
how did students who can't express themselves well enough to write  
an intelligible theme on any subject chosen from a list of 15 (as will  
be the case at Ohio U.) get into college in the first place?

The answer to that, of course, is that they received faulty, in-  
adequate instruction in elementary usage of the English language while  
they were in grade and high school. A young man or woman who  
cannot pass a test of the kind to be given at Ohio University, ought  
not be allowed to matriculate in an institution of higher learning,  
and the public schools that failed in teaching them grammar and  
rhetoric ought to receive the critical attention of state departments of  
education and educational accrediting agencies.

The fact that the 5,200-student state university at Athens finds  
it necessary to discover whether students in their sophomore years  
of college can employ their own language passably well, indicates that  
teacher-training colleges may be spending too much time instructing  
future public school instructors in how to ventilate a school room,  
and too little time instructing them in teaching the means by which  
men communicate with one another.

IT MAY BE a bit early to start packing bags, but Ohio University  
alumni may well make mental note of the fact that their alma  
mater contemplates a celebration of the sesqui-centennial of its  
founding, in 1954, that will rival, if not surpass, in interest and scope  
the Northwest Territory Celebration in 1937 and the Cutler Hall  
Rededication Ceremonies in 1947.



# West Wing Renamed For McGuffey Readers' Author

In the January issue of *The Ohio Alumnus* there appeared an article headed "Wilson Hall Named For School's Third President." In this companion article will be found what the editor hopes is interesting information concerning McGuffey Hall and the man for whom it was named.

As previously pointed out, Wilson and McGuffey halls are the two "wings" which flank Cutler Hall in the center of the college green and which for approximately a century were known, respectively, as East Wing and West Wing.

These two buildings were erected of hand-made brick; the first, in 1837, and the second, in 1839. On September 23, 1939, East Wing was renamed and dedicated in honor of Robert G. Wilson, third president of the university.

On the same date and with ceremonies attended by descendants of the distinguished educator, West Wing became McGuffey Hall, bearing the name of William Holmes McGuffey, fourth president (1839-1843) of the university, author of the famed "McGuffey Readers," and planter of the row of elm trees on the front campus which are the joy and pride of every

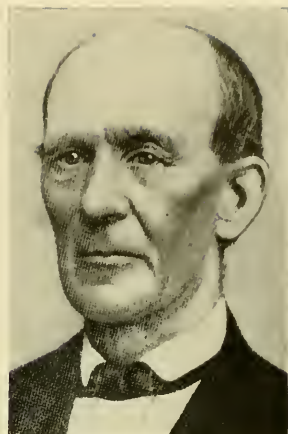
student and alumnus of Ohio University.

Like other early-day buildings, McGuffey Hall was once the abode of students and housed laboratories and classrooms. After the turn of the present century it provided quarters for the women's Greek-letter societies, and it is still the home of the Young Women's Christian Association.

More particularly, however, the building now accommodates the rather sizeable office suits of the dean of men, on the first floor, and the dean of women, on the second floor. Among the other occupants of the building are the director of student housing, the auditor of student funds, and the director of dining halls.

William Holmes McGuffey was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1800. His father, Alexander McGuffey, and his mother had come to this country from Scotland. Soon after the birth of William Holmes, the family removed to Ohio, settling near Sand Hill, now Coitsville, Mahoning County. While Mrs. McGuffey picked brush and helped clear the farm, the child was cradled, oftentimes, in a maple sap-trough hewn out for use in the sugar bush.

At 18, William McGuffey began



William Holmes McGuffey

the study of Latin, borrowing books and walking long distances once a week to recite to a country clergyman, Rev. Thomas Hughes. When the academy at Warren, Ohio, was completed in 1820, McGuffey presented himself for the applicants' examination. It was severe and he failed. This humiliation, he said, proved the spur to further study and his future success in life.

He graduated from Washington College in 1826. He was elected at once to the chair of Ancient Languages at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Seven years later he was appointed to a professorship in Mental and Moral Philosophy. During this professorship he was ordained to the ministry in the Presbyterian Church. In his lifetime he preached 3,000 sermons.

In 1836, he became president of Cincinnati College and in 1839 he became president of Ohio University. Four years later he was called to Woodward High School in Cincinnati. In 1845, he went to the chair of Moral Philosophy and Political Economy in the University of Virginia at Charlottesville where he remained until his death, May 4, 1873.

On June 9, 1928, approximately one month after the fiftieth anniversary of President McGuffey's death, there was presented in Athens a pageant in five episodes, "McGuffey's Eclectic Readers Revue," under the sponsorship of the local branch of the American Association of University Women.



McGuffey Hall—Erected in 1839

Photo by John Greensmith

# Dr. Leona Felsted Named Dean of Women

The appointment Dr. Leona Wise Felsted, dean of women at Ohio Wes-



Dr. Leona Wise Felsted

leyan University, to be dean of women and professor of personnel administration at Ohio University, effective July 1, has been announced by President Baker.

Dr. Felsted will succeed Dean Irma E. Voigt, who will retire June 30 after serving 36 years as the first and only dean of women in Ohio University's 145-year history.

Dr. Felsted, dean of women at Ohio Wesleyan since August, 1946, is a native of Leipsic, Ohio, and received her bachelor's degree from Ohio State University in 1919 and her master's there in 1933. Her doctor's degree was awarded in 1944 by Northwestern University. She also studied at the University of Chicago.

Her teaching career includes the 1919-1924 and 1927-31 periods at Leipsic High School and from 1931 to 1936 as dean of girls at Portsmouth High School. From 1936 to 1946 she was dean of women at Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington. During the summers from 1939 to 1941 and for the second semester of 1941-42 she was a visiting staff member at Northwestern University.

Mrs. Felsted has been active in many organizations affiliated with her work, including membership in the National Association of Deans of Women, Pi Lambda Theta, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Gamma Mu, Ohio Association of Deans of Women, American Association of University Women, American College Personnel Associa-

tion, National Vocation Guidance Association as a professional member, and the Central Ohio Guidance Association.

She is vice-president of the Ohio Association of Deans of Women, chairman of a special committee of the National Association of Deans of Women, a member of the American Personnel Association Committee on professional standards and training, and a member of the Council of Guidance and Personnel Associations Board of Representatives.

She lists flower gardening and homemaking as her hobbies. "Rearing a son can scarcely be regarded as a hobby," she says, "but that has been my most important interest along with my professional interests the last 20 years. Now that he is on his own, I shall turn to some 'accessory interests'."

Her son completed his college training at Ohio Wesleyan last February and now is in Venezuela with the Venezuelan Atlantic Refining Co., as a junior geologist.

Mrs. Felsted has written articles for Ohio Schools, Journal of the National Association of Deans of Women, Illinois Education, Christian Advocate, Educational Research Bulletin, and College and University.

# Oldest Living Grad Is "Grand Old Man"

Alfred Segal, columnist and staff writer for the "Cincinnati Post," had the following to say about Dr. Philip Zenner, a fellow townsman, in the May 17 issue of his paper. Dr. Zenner, whom Mr. Segal described in a subhead as "the grandest of all grand old men," is Ohio University's oldest living alumnus, both in age and in years since graduation. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree with the Class of 1870—The Editor.

His friends see him downtown almost every day. They stop before him reverently—"Glad to see you still going strong, doctor."

Dr. Philip Zenner does not seem to like that kind of salutation. It suggests that he really isn't expected to be going that way at his age—he with

his slight, fragile-looking body.

He is a humble man who regards it as most unseemly to boast of his state-ly years and the vigorous way he has been privileged to live them even unto now. (He is 97 today.) So he smiles gently at his friends who like to tell him what a great guy he is to be going so strong even to three years from 100.

Dr. Zenner wasn't inclined to make much of his 97th year. It was just another of his many good days. He'd like to forget it but friends remind him—"Today it's the 97th, isn't it doctor?" Yes, it's the 97th all right but why do they make something special of that?

It's just a day along the way and there have been so many days to be thankful for. All the days of his work as physician, all the leisurely

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Dr. Philip Zenner

# On and About the Green . .



THE DEPARTMENT of speech and speech correction is developing into one of the outstanding departmental units at Ohio University and, upon occupation of new and greatly expanded quarters in the new Fine Arts Building next year, should gain even greater recognition both on the campus and abroad. Work in forensics has been long and successfully pursued. New phases

—speech correction and the training of speech and hearing therapists—are now attracting such favorable attention that Ohio University has been selected by the Ohio Society for Crippled Children as a permanent headquarters for a speech clinic for the children of Southeastern Ohio. The clinic will engage in diagnostic and remedial work and will provide excellent opportunities for clinical practice and observation for teachers and students interested in the field of speech correction . . . As one of her interesting activities, Evelyn Porges (see picture), acting instructor in dramatic art and speech, has been giving assistance to a number of the members of Ohio University's fast-growing colony of foreign students in their efforts to gain fluency in use of the English language. In the picture, left to right, are: Miss Porges; Sylvia LaComska, Poland; Eudaldo Cabrera, Cuba; Nydia Cardoze (partially hidden), Panama; Frederik DeWit, Curacao; and Bennett Ukeje (in native costume), Nigeria.

ALTHOUGH Ohio University's six teams won the most debates in the second annual Freshman Debate Tournament at Denison University on April 23, they finished second to Ohio Wesleyan on percentage points because the latter school had only four teams entered in the contest. The judges did not name an official winner. Eleven colleges and universities, represented by a total of 38 teams, participated in the event. The topic for the tournament was

"whether the federal government should enact legislation granting civil liberties to all citizens."

HELD AT Ohio University for the first time since its establishment in 1929, the Ohio Intercollegiate Band Festival attracted more than 100 students from a dozen of the state's institutions of higher learning on



Miss Evelyn Porges (Extreme Left) and Foreign Students

May 1. The festival band was directed by Guglielmo Sabatini, conductor and musical director of the Trenton (N.J.) Symphony Orchestra. It was composed of selected musicians from the following schools: Bowling Green, Capital, Kent State, Denison, Mary Manse, Ohio State, Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan, Wooster, Youngstown, and the host school. . . . The formal spring concert of the Ohio University Symphonic Band was an event of May 3. Charles E. Gilbert is director of bands.

THE UNIVERSITY Chorus and the University Symphony Orchestra combined forces to present a gala spring concert in Alumni Memorial Auditorium on May 8. The musical groups were under the guest conductorship of Dr. Archibald T. Davidson, founder and conductor of the Harvard Glee Club and an author, composer, and lecturer of note. The program featured the secular oratorio, "L'Allegro," by Handel, and Vaughan Williams' cantata "In Windso-

Forest." A choral number, "Lines for Late Autumn," from the pen of Anthony Donato, professor of music at Northwestern University, on a text by Jeanne Delawarter, was performed for the first time anywhere. Dr. Donato was present for the "world premiere" of his new work. Dr. Thomas A. Gorton, director of the Ohio University School of Music, is the regular choral conductor. . . . The spring concert of the University Symphony Orchestra was given on March 20 under the direction of Prof. DeForest Ingerham. . . . The Women's Glee Club, directed by Evangeline Merritt, and the Men's Glee Club, directed by Philip L. Peterson, gave a joint concert on March 27. . . . The "Spring Dance Concert" of the Modern Dance Club was presented on April 27, with Louise Phillips, of the women's physical education staff, as director. Included in the program were two dance

compositions, "Minor Litany," based on Stephen Vincent Benet's poem, "No Escape," depicting the struggle of an individual with his conscience, and two negro spirituals.

MILTON J. TAYLOR, a Columbus junior, was elected president of the Ohio University Student Council in a campus-wide balloting on May 4. Other officers elected were: James L. Shreffler, Woodville, men's vice president; and Ardath Hansen, Athens, women's vice president. The Council, composed of representatives of the Women's League, Men's Union, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, Men's and Women's Independent Associations, and other major organizations, has authority delegated to it by the Campus Affairs Committee "to consider, promote, and put into effect all projects which pertain to student activities and, particularly, to promote a balanced campus-wide social program."



# Successful Alumni Meetings Held

Spring activities in the organized alumni centers included some of the most successful reunion affairs in the annals of the Ohio University outposts.

## Indianapolis

Alumni in the Hoosier capital convened informally, February 4, at the home of Harold R. Overley, '21x, and Mrs. Overley, on East 57th Street. The get-together was held on the eve of the Ohio-Butler basketball game which the Bobcats lost, alas.

Plans were laid for a family picnic in June, and Mrs. Juanita Dillow Compton, '36, was elected president of the Indianapolis organization to succeed K. Mark Cowen, '22, who had moved to Elkhart, Ind. Mrs. Elizabeth Ong Jordan, '34, is the chapter secretary.

## Dayton

Movies, square and ball-room dancing, group singing, and refreshments provided a varied and enjoyable program for the "Carnival" held at the Parish House of Christ Episcopal Church, April 22, under the joint sponsorship of the Dayton chapter (men and women) and the Ohio University Women's Club of Dayton.

Mrs. Frieda Morel Eiler, '21, 2-yr., general chairman, was assisted by Mrs. Ruth Mayer Crawford, '33, president of the alumnae group, and Carl S. Mallow, Jr., '38, chapter president.

Sales booths were provided for baked goods, candy and popcorn, needlework, plants and flowers, and "white elephants."

## Youngstown Women

Members of the Ohio University Women's Club of Youngstown had Dean E. R. Collins of the College of Education as a special guest at their annual Guest Day Luncheon at the Shady Lawn Tea Room on April 30. Dean Collins has been elected president of the State Teachers College in Albany, N.Y., and will assume office on July 1.

Shown at the speaker's table in the

accompanying picture are, left to right: Mrs. Myrtle Burman Baker, '36; Isabel Bacon, '19; Dean Collins; and Ruth Kindler, '46.

Officers for the coming year were installed as follows: President, Miss Bacon; vice president, Sue Molnar, '40; secretary, Mrs. Florence Silver Liebman, '22, 2-yr.; and treasurer, Mrs. Baker.

The committee in charge of the luncheon was headed by Mrs. Josephine Orville Ross, '33.



Dean Collins and Ladies of Youngstown Club

Plans for the coming year call for four regular meetings plus a benefit bridge party.

## Akron Women

Prof. C. N. Mackinnon of the department of English was guest speaker at the luncheon of the Akron Association of Ohio University Women held at the Women's City Club on May 7. The Alumni Secretary was another guest of the club on this occasion.

One of the features of the meeting was the display by President Alice Edwards Wright, '27, and Program Chairman Dorothy Purviance Morgan, '40, (picture next issue), of a check for \$90 to cover a scholarship for the coming school year which the club has awarded to Drucilla Riley, a graduate of Springfield Township High School and now a freshman at Ohio University.

Mrs. Mary Helen Melcher Gard, '32, was hostess for the May meeting.

## Akron Bobcats

Men of the Akron area met at the Portage Hotel, May 10, to welcome

Head Football Coach Carroll Widdoes, Public Relations Director A. C. Gubitz, and Vincent J. Jukes, '30, who is serving temporarily in the public relations field.

A dinner was followed by an outline by Widdoes of the university's general athletic policy and a report of gridiron prospects for next fall.

A proposal to organize a Bobcat Club was enthusiastically endorsed and Willis H. "Bid" Edmund, '28, was appointed to head a committee to bring about a formal organization.

## Cleveland Women

The Ohio University Women's Club of Cleveland combined a 10th anniversary celebration with a recognition of Dean of Women Irma E. Voigt upon the eve of her retirement in the program of the Guest Day Tea, May 15, at the Central YWCA.

The minutes of the first meeting of the organization were read by the current club secretary, Mrs. Lucille

Banasik Young, '43. These were followed by a recital of the highlights of the club's activities by Mrs. Anna Porter Dickerson, '15, a former president of the group.

Tribute was paid Dean Voigt by Blanche Robinson, '16, another ex-president, who then presented the honor guest with a life membership scroll and a pair of pearl earrings.

The Alumni Secretary, who had merely served as chauffeur to the dean, was presented with a box of linen handkerchiefs by Club President Eleanor Morrow, '33.

In a brief business session, Mrs. Bette Parge Goher, '41, was elected president, and Mrs. Eleanor Stoup Benson, '27, secretary, for the coming year.

## Cleveland Bobcats

The concluding event of the year for the men of the Cleveland Bobcat Club was a dinner at the Cleveland Athletic Club which was attended by Coach Widdoes, Athletic Director Don Peden, and B. T. Grover, '19, assistant to the president, from the

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# The Bobcat Sports Review

By VIC SHEROW, '29

OHIO UNIVERSITY's athletes marked up one of the best all-around spring athletic seasons in the school's history, with a cumulative record of 34 victories to 21 losses and three ties for a .618 winning average.

This record, made in the face of top-notch competition, was an encouraging aspect to the Bobcat athletic picture, following a winter sports program which saw the Bobcats

third in the Mid-American, mainly in four first places which all set new conference records; marked up four wins to two losses and one tie. The link squad, which spent the early part of the season on a spring training trip through the south, wound up with 10 wins to six losses and one tie, and the tennis squad hit for six wins against three losses.

Graduation did not take too heavy a toll among the members of these four teams and the return of experienced players, together with the promise of many outstanding freshmen, gives strong hopes of even better records in the 1950 spring sports program.

PLAYING under a new coach for the first time in 25 seasons, the baseball squad opened the regular season with two games against Western Reserve, both resulting in Mid-American conference victories, before departing on the annual spring southern training trip. This unusual procedure was a result of the late date for the annual spring vacation period.

Coach Wren's charges scored five wins against three losses on the southern trip against such opponents as Catawba, Richmond, Virginia, Washington and Lee, Virginia Poly, Roanoke and Marshall, with two games being rained out.

After topping Butler 9 to 7 in 11 innings to give them three straight conference wins, the Bobcats hit a slump during which they took five straight defeats from conference opponents and saw all their chances for their third straight league title shattered. But the season was climaxed with a walloping 15 to 6 drubbing handed Ohio State, at Columbus, after the Staters had tripped the Bobcats 5 to 3 on the latter's home field.

Rod Andrews, a sophomore from Dayton, and John Biskup, a former player returned to school, from Youngstown, proved the standouts of the season. Andrews carried the pitching burden and finished with seven wins against only one loss, hurling for 83 innings in the 13 games in which he saw action. Biskup took over the catching duties from veteran Ken

Weiss and saw action in all 25 games, missing only a brief period in one contest, and his play behind the plate thrilled fans throughout the season.

Four members of the team swung the bat for a .400 or better average, including Jim Shreffler and Bob Meadows, each with .400; John Hrasch with .422 and Ray Thomson with .428. Injuries took their toll of several outstanding players, among them Bob Mills, with a broken ankle; Bill Wollett, with an injured shoulder; and Meadows, with an ankle injury.

"Lefty" Ravenal Roberts, playing his final season, took part in 10 games and marked up four wins against one loss to his credit, his best season under a Bobcat uniform. He saw mound duty for 50 1-3 innings and was touched for 57 hits while allowing only 19 runs, compared with 75 hits and 37 runs allowed by Andrews who had three more wins to his credit.

COACH KERMIT BLOSSER and his golf squad embarked during the spring vacation period on the first southern training trip in the school's history, tangling during the 10 days with some of the outstanding southern schools.

After three straight defeats, the Bobcats found their style and marked up three consecutive victories before concluding the trip with an even break in the finale match with Virginia.

In the 10 matches remaining on the regular schedule, the linksters tallied seven wins against only three losses, the latter to Western Michigan, Marietta and Miami, with the latter two also being among the victims of Bobcat wins also during the season.

The Bobcats finished in third place in the annual Ohio Intercollegiate Meet held at Columbus, the highest rating ever attained by an Ohio U. golf team in this event, and then clinched third honors in the annual Mid-American Conference championships held at Kalamazoo, Mich.

Outstanding on the golf squad was Dow Finsterwald, (see picture), state junior champion last year. The state championship was annexed this year by an Ohio University freshman for the second straight season, the 1949 winner being Roger Pedigo, who looms as a strong teammate next season for Finsterwald on the Bobcat link outfit. Dow is the son of Russell W. Finsterwald, '19, Athens attorney and "big time" football official, and Mrs. Finsterwald (Lucile Henry, '17).



Golfer Dow Finsterwald

clinching only 9 wins to 22 losses in varsity football and basketball.

While missing the Mid-American Conference pennant in baseball for the first time since the conference was organized, the all-around conference standing in spring sports was far superior to any previous season. The baseballers finished in fourth position with three league wins to five losses, one game with Butler being cancelled by rain and another with Cincinnati being rained out with the score tied at 6-all in 10 innings.

The baseball squad had a season's record of 14 wins to 10 losses and one tie, while the tracksters, who took



## OLDEST LIVING GRAD

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days of the years of his retirement, the days of just looking at the world and thinking about it.

He was troubled about the way the world has been going. His heart and mind are young enough still to feel the world's pain. It isn't like the world he knew when he was a young man back in the 70's. No radio, no television, no airplanes, no automatic refrigerators, but it was a promising time toward peace and justice and the ultimate liberation of man.

He could feel grateful that he hadn't become an old man in a chimney corner, somebody left over. Though nearly everybody he knew when he was young is gone, he wasn't feeling lonely: though he is a bachelor he was not lonely.

He couldn't be alone because he felt kin to the crowding events of the world and was deeply interested in all of them. He wasn't an old man separate from the ways of the world. Before the day was out he might write a letter to a U.S. senator in behalf of some public cause. Or he might write to the city manager about something or other of the city's welfare.

Probably this day he wasn't going downtown where he likes to walk around meeting friends. He would be staying in his apartment in Crescent, 3719 Reading Road. People do like to drop in on a birthday and maybe he should be staying around. (In his apartment, with its time-honored furniture, old pictures, old books, Dr. Zenner makes his only concession to the past.) Maybe he'd take a walk in the sunlight on the neighboring streets.

Soon school would be out and he would be getting reports from the young and how they spent his money the last school year.

Dr. Zenner and his sister (she has gone) long ago thought of school kids too poor to have spending money. They didn't think it was good for a child to be without a penny, it hurt self-respect.

In downtown schools they established funds for the sake of self-respect; money to be distributed by the principal for small spending (or maybe for a pair of shoes) that children might hold their heads higher. But it wasn't just handed out: the children do small chores around the schools for it.

This will be going on long after

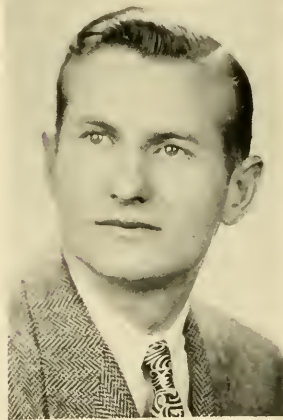
Dr. Zenner's time in the world and his memory will be as young as the new generations.

Who's Who contains his vital statistics: "Zenner, Philip, neurologist, born in Cincinnati May 17, 1852—A.B., Ohio University, Athens, O., 1870; A.M. 1873; M.D., Miami Medical College, 1875; resident physician, Cincinnati Hospital, 1873-75; studied in hospitals of Berlin, Leipsiz, Paris and London, 1879-81; professor neurology, medical department, University of Cincinnati, 1900-1910; now emeritus neurologist, Jewish Hospital; consulting physician, Home for Incurables; Author: Education in Sexual Physiology and Hygiene, Mind Cure and Other Essays. Established in 1929 a loan fund for prisoners released from Ohio Penitentiary."

(Here's the whole column taken up by Dr. Zenner's 97th birthday. It's like planting a grand old oak which must have plenty of room.)

## WEST VIRGINIA MAN WINNER OF EMERSON POEM CONTEST

A three-judge decision gave first place in the 1949 Emerson Prize Poem Contest to James G. White, '48, of Wheeling, W. Va. His entry bore the title, "Naples, 1943."



James G. White

Second prize, for "Rain-Weather Song," was awarded to Robert E. Bass, '49, Bridgeport, and third place honors went to Mrs. Blanche Matthews Haskins, '18, Middleport, for her poem, "Deathless."

The judges were Maxwell Geismar, Harrison, N.Y., an eminent literary

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campus, as well as a number of high school coaches in the Cleveland area.

All of the Athenians were heard on the speaking program, which preceded a showing of spring training football movies.

In the annual election conducted by Charles G. Hamilton, '38, president of the club, Sherman W. Peters, '41, was chosen to head the organization during the coming year. Peter Hlinka, '41, was named secretary.

Frankie Baumholtz, '41, an outfielder with the Cincinnati Reds for the past two years was recently traded to the Chicago Cubs and is now playing with the Windy City outfield.

critic; Dr. Harlan Hatcher, vice president and former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Ohio State University; and Mrs. Josephine Wuchben Robertson, '21, of the Cleveland Plain Dealer staff. Mrs. Robertson is a one-time winner of the Emerson Prize.

W. D. Emerson, of the Class of 1833, bequeathed to the board of trustees of Ohio University the sum of \$1,000. The interest on this amount is awarded every second year to the students or alumni of the university who write the best original poems.

Following is this year's winning poem.

NAPLES, 1943

November night of total blackout  
That has hushed all sounds, all life,  
Has strange effect here in this south city,  
That lies close to the sun  
And has teemed for two thousand years

This is the city of intrigue,  
Of plots and counter-plots,  
And deeds done in the night.  
It is a city of loyalties, many and divided,  
And too fervent to cease through law or failure.  
Old causes persist here, in dormancy;  
There are plans to restore the Kingdom of Naples,  
And even the forsaken Teuton project  
Of an iron road to Bagdad here has a deputy.

The old linger, but the young are despoiled,  
And the city makes no resistance;  
For this city, like all things once joyous,  
Knows it is best that a part be lost forever  
Than returned and the heart be slowed in its beating,  
Knows that for life to be lightly possessed  
It must be gaily relinquished.

Stilled now is the once volatile—  
A southern thing that was never stilled.  
War to these was a passion, a flurry,  
Then remorse; but all was doing and feeling.  
Now, fought-over by taller, more deliberate men,  
From colder lands, the city waits in the darkness.

ANNEITE MANN, '47, Clyde, teacher, Adelphi Academy (Brooklyn, N. Y.) to WILLIAM J. BENSON, '47, Brooklyn, N. Y., claims adjustor, Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., August 7, 1948. At home: 108 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Benson is a daughter of KARL B. MANN, '14, 2-yr.

As promised in the last issue, a picture



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ingraham

of the RICHARD G. INGRAHAMS, of Albany, N. Y., is here reproduced. Dick, an industrial engineer with the Albany Felt Co., received his degree in February, while Mrs. Ingraham, the former BARBARA JONES, will receive her degree in June.

Miriam L. Kromer, Dayton, Stephens College and Indiana University graduate, to DEAN E. BAESSEL, '42, Lowell, with Aluminum Company of America, (Dayton), May 7, 1949. At home: 572 Dayton Pkwy., Dayton. The groom is a former president of the Dayton alumni chapter and is a brother of MARIAN O. BAESSEL, '36, Columbus.

NAOMI SELZMAN, '51x, Cleveland, to STANLEY I. BREMMER, '48, Long Beach, Long Island, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1949. At home: 2753 Euclid Heights Blvd., Cleveland Heights.

Frances Evans, Dover, Del., to WILLIAM R. MANTER, '42, Emmaus, Pa., with Yost & Everhardt, public accountants (Dover), Oct. 16, 1948. At home: 45 S. Bradford St., Dover, Dela. Mr. Manter is a brother of EARL W. MANTER, '41, Philadelphia, Pa.

MARGARET ELLEN JOHNSTON, '46x, Cleveland, to John E. Rexford, Detroit, Mich., Jan. 22, 1949. At home: 3082 Livingston Rd., S.E., Cleveland.

# Marriages

Claribel Mengert, Lucas, teacher, University School (Columbus), to KENNETH N. TAYLOR, '32x, Malta, with State Highway Patrol (Columbus,) Sept. 11, 1948. At home: Columbus.

PAULINE LEWIS '47x, Oak Hill, high school teacher (Jackson) to WILLIAM C. DILLER, '48x, Charleston, W. Va., business manager, Jackson Aero Service (Jackson), Aug. 30, 1948. At home: Jackson.

Virginia Brandenburg, Mason, Texas, graduate nurse, to ROBERT J. TATJE, '43x, Portsmouth, office manager, Cook Coffee Co. (Cleveland), Sept. 4, 1948. At home: 9382 Amesbury Ave., Cleveland.

MELBA E. FAULKNER, '38x, Athens, with The McBee Co., to DONALD L. DAVIS, Jackson, Ohio University senior, June 11, 1948. At home: 50 W. Carpenter St., Athens.

KATHLEEN L. COOKE, '49x, New Haven, W. Va., to Harold T. Smith, Clarks-ville, Ark., research engineer, Franklin Electronics Division, Summer and Company (Columbus), Mar. 26, 1948. At home: 295 W. Ninth Ave., Columbus.

ELEANOR BUCK, '49x, Guysville, student, Ohio State University, to CHARLES A. RHOADS, '48, Washington C. H., research chemist, Battelle Memorial Institute (Columbus), May 9, 1949. At home: 2369 Williams St., Columbus.



Mrs. A. J. Sturrett

FLORENCE E. CASTELL, '48 (see picture), Canton, with Printed Forms Co., to ANGELO J. STURRETT, '49, Canton, secretary-treasurer, Sturrett Bros., building contractors, April 30, 1949. At home: 1022-19th St., N.W., Canton.

Another picture for which space was not available at the time the wedding was announced is that of Dr. and Mrs. Anton J. DeFede (ALLYENE INGALL, '46). Dr.



Mr. and Mrs. A. J. DeFede

and Mrs. DeFede were a bride and groom of June 12, 1948. They are now located in Toledo where the former is a member of the medical staff of Toledo Hospital.

## ENGAGEMENTS

(See, also page 11)

ANNETTE K. TRUMP, '48, Rocky River, teacher, Garfield School (Lakewood), to W. J. "JACK" NEAL, '49, Chillicothe.

JOYCE PUGH, '44, Portsmouth, assistant to the director, Academy of Political Science, Columbia University (New York City), to Rupert Salsbury, Bellerose, L. I., N. Y., senior, Columbia University. A date in August has been chosen.

GRACE H. ESTERHAY, '49, Fairport Harbor, who will teach home economics following graduation in June, to MILTON C. BROWN, Brilliant, Ohio University senior. No definite date.

HELEN DOUGLESS STRICKLAND, Memphis, Tenn., A.B. '46, A.M. '48, teacher (Lakewood), to LEONARD C. "DUKE" BITLER, '48, Lakewood. Mr. Bitler is a son of LAUREN O. BITLER, '22.

Susan to GLENN C. VON BARGEN, '48, and Mrs. Von Bargaen (DEE HENRY, '50x), 2835 Colorado Blvd., Denver, Colo., Feb. 16, 1949. Mr. Von Bargaen is working on an apprenticeship with a construction company. Mrs. Von Bargaen is the daughter of the late Dr. JOHN C. HENRY, '25, and of Mrs. Carlos M. Bowman (ELEANOR BAILEY, '29x), Athens.

Cathleen Rea to CHARLES L. FAULKNER, '48, and Mrs. Faulkner (ERNESTINE REA, '45), 102 Ashwood Ave., Dayton, Mar. 22, 1949. Mr. Faulkner is an accountant with the accounting firm of Haskins and Sells.

Patricia Allen to RICHARD M. PHILLIPS, '45x, and Mrs. Phillips (MARY-ANN MENAUL, '47x), 5 Ohio Ave., Athens. Mr. Phillips is owner of the Ambassador Laundries.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Terrell (NANCY FISHER, '47x), Princeton Junction, N. J., Mar. 13, 1949.

Barry Kim to VERNETT O. WOLFE, '35, and Mrs. Wolfe, Longacre, W. Va., April 16, 1949. A onetime varsity baseball pitcher, Mr. Wolfe is now employed in the maintenance department of the Electro-Metallurgical Co. of Alloy, W. Va.

Margaret Jane to Mr. and Mrs. W. Warren Cook (MARGARET LAVERTY, A.B. '31, A.M. '44), Danville, Ill., April 23, 1949. Mr. Cook is owner of the Pioneer Tool Company.

Timothy Scott to A. ROSS ALKIRE, JR., '42, and Mrs. Alkire, 109 S. London St., Mt. Sterling, Mar. 19, 1949. The father is assistant cashier of the Sterling State Bank. Paternal grandparent: A. ROSS ALKIRE, SR., '11, 2-yr., Mt. Sterling, a trustee of Ohio University.

Michael Louis to Mr. and Mrs. Roger F. Miller (RAMONA ODELL, '46), 1723 West Fair Ave., Lancaster, April 22, 1949.

Up-sa-daisy ('er something)! It may be the words or it may be the action, or both, but the pleased expression on the face of little Vicki Jo Houser (see picture) seems to indicate that the desired effect has been attained. The little lady, five months of age when the picture was taken, is the daughter of ARTHUR L. HAUSER, '45, and Mrs. Hauser (MARJORIE OWEN HAUSER, '46x), Washington, D. C.



Lawrence Mark Bierman

## Births

Alice Ava to T. MORGAN BAEHLER, '37, and Mrs. Baehler (AVA SMITH, '38), 1739 Goodwin Ave., S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich., May 2, 1949. Mr. Baehler is office and credit manager of the Knap & Vogt Mfg. Company. Mrs. Baehler is a onetime secretary to the dean of men at Ohio University.

David Keith to RODNEY W. MAIN, '41, and Mrs. Main (RUTH SHERTZER, '41), 5281 Charloe St., Cincinnati, Dec. 4, 1948. Mr. Main is a partner in Sertzer's Dyeing Service.

Robert Warner to ROBERT E. STIVERS, '48, and Mrs. Stivers, Bellevue, Feb. 10, 1949. Mr. Stivers is a teacher in Bellevue High School.

Brooks Hall to E. LEE POWELL, JR., '48 and Mrs. Powell, 366 W. 5th Ave., Columbus, Dec. 20, 1948. Mr. Powell is associated with the order department, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., in Columbus.

Ann Ellen to BEN C. THOMPSON, '49, and Mrs. BETTE KAPLAN THOMPSON, '48, O. U. Apts., State St., Athens, Feb. 12, 1949. Mr. Thompson, an Ohio University senior, expects to receive his degree in August.

Stephen Alan to JAMES E. HILTY, '49, and Mrs. Hilty (JANE CROSS, '45), 800 Claremont Ave., Apt. 1, Ashland, April 20, 1949. Mr. Hilty is associated with the A. L. Garber Company.

Linda Fay to Mr. and Mrs. Roger L. Atkin (MAY GREEN, '46), 193 15B-73rd Ave. Apt. 3A, Flushing, L. I., N. Y., July 6, 1948. Mr. Atkin is a sales manager attached to the New York City office of the Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp.

Linda Palmer to DR. BRINTON T. DARLINGTON, '43, and Mrs. Darlington, 172 McClean Ave., Arrochar, L. I., N. Y., Oct. 6, 1948. Dr. Darlington is a resident physician in internal medicine at the U.S. Marine Hospital on Staten Island.

Claudia Martha to Dr. and Mrs. Fred W. Kehr (VIRGINIA DARLINGTON, '42), 206 York St., Olean, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1948. Dr. Kehr is an Olean physician. The baby's mother is a sister of Dr. B. T. Darlington (see preceding announcement).

Ross Righter to MARTIN L. HECHT, JR., '46 and Mrs. Hecht, Edgehill Apt. 1, E. Union St., Athens, May 2, 1949. Mr. Hecht is personnel director at Ohio University.

Daniel to ANTHONY J. DiBIASIO, JR., '48, and Mrs. DiBIASIO, 1369 W. 67th St., Cleveland, April 19, 1949. The father is a teacher and coach in a Lakewood school.

No less pleased with



Vicki Jo Houser

the world than Vicki Jo, apparently, is Lawrence Mark Bierman (see picture) who became a photographer's subject at the early age of 2½ weeks. Larry was born Mar. 10, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Bierman (MARJORIE ABBOTT, '42), Union, N. J.

Brent Paul to RAYMOND J. SPONSER, '40, and Mrs. Sponsler (DOROTHY WAGNER, '41), 1108 S. Broad St., Ashland, April 20, 1949. Mr. Sponsler is engaged in a retail grocery and meat business. Little Brent Paul is blessed with a number of Ohio University relatives, among them: FRED W. WAGNER, '18, and Mrs. EPHYTHE HAUGER WAGNER, '17x, maternal grandparents; and DR. FREDERIC V. WAGNER, '43, an uncle.

Robert Edward to ROBERT B. WILLIAMS, '50x, and Mrs. NADINE NARDI WILLIAMS, '51x, 17722 Kinsman Road, Shaker Heights, April 2, 1949. Mr. Williams is a student at Western Reserve University.

William Stephen to WILLIAM SUCHODOLSKI, '48, and Mrs. VIRGINIA LISTERMAN SUCHODOLSKI, '50x, O. U. Apts., E. State St., Athens, April 19, 1949. Mr. Suchodolski, who received a Bachelor of Science degree last year, will receive a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree in June.

Therese Duerr to Capt. LESLIE F. FULTZ, '39, and Mrs. Fultz (PHYLLIS DUERR, '36) R.F.D. 1, Box 403, Alexandria, Va., Mar. 19, 1949. Capt. Fultz is attached to the U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington. Mrs. Fultz was at one time secretary to the dean of the College of Applied Science at Ohio University.

William Mark to WILLIAM A. MECH-EM, '42, and Mrs. Mech-EM, 77½ W. Columbus St., Nelsonville, April 22, 1949. Mr. Mech-EM, son of State Senator Stanley Mech-EM, is manager of Stanley's Shoe Store in Athens. William Mark is a nephew of Mrs. George A. Drach, Jr., (ALICE MECH-EM, '42), Nelsonville.



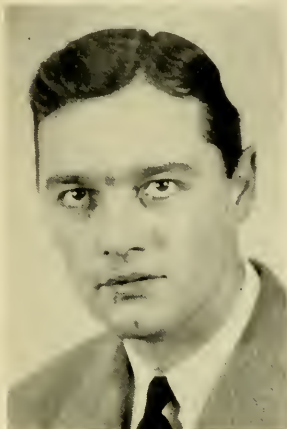
# Deaths

## KENNETH WAYNE BROWN

The death of KENNETH W. BROWN, '40 (see picture) Clearfield, Pa., occurred April 24, 1949, at Veterans Hospital, Lebanon, Pa.

Associated with the sales department of the Atlantic Refining Company since graduation, with the exception of the war years, he was a resident of Uniontown, Pa., at the time of death.

Mr. Brown served as an officer in the



Kenneth W. Brown

Third Infantry Division from July, 1942, to December, 1946—from Casablanca to Berchtesgaden—participating in eight major campaigns and four amphibious landings.

Married to a young lady from Uniontown, Captain Brown's survivors include his wife, parents, and a sister, Mrs. Kenneth M. Leighton (BARBARA BROWN, '43), East Cleveland.

## FAYE CHAPMAN ROSS

Mrs. Dan W. Ross (FAYE CHAPMAN, '23, 2-yr.) died Feb. 5, 1949, at Nelson, Calif., of a heart condition. She had retired from teaching about a year ago.

Mrs. Ross received her baccalaureate degree from the University of California at Los Angeles, and was principal of the elementary school at Artesia, Calif., for almost 20 years. This community is now building a new junior high school which will be named the Faye Ross Junior High School.

The husband and a sister, Mrs. O. R. Kiracofe (MAJEL CHAPMAN, '27), Coolville, are among those who remain.

## ROBERT SIMPSON WOOD

ROBERT S. WOOD, '09x, aged 62, a former mayor of Athens and coach of the first Ohio Conference football team at Ohio University, died of a heart attack April 19, 1949, in Columbus.

Although he maintained his home in

Athens, Mr. Wood had spent much of his time in recent years in Columbus where he was chief of the permit division of the State Board of Liquor Control, and later associated with the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation.

The Athenian was captain and right halfback of the varsity football team in 1908 and coach of the gridiron squads in 1909 and 1910. He also was assistant coach at Ohio University in 1920 and 1921. He served two terms as mayor of Athens, 1930-34.

Surviving are his wife and two daughters. The latter are Mrs. William B. Biggs (ELIZABETH WOOD, '43), Athens, and Mrs. W. S. Bentley (MARY ELLEN WOOD, '32), Detroit, Mich. A son, THOMAS A. WOOD, '29, died in 1947.

## HELEN LOUISE COLEMAN

HELEN L. COLEMAN, '30, a Life Member of the Ohio University Alumni Association, passed away April 3, 1949, in Columbus, following an illness of several years' duration.

She was a teacher in elementary and later in high schools of Akron for a number of years, being a member of the Akron system at the time her health failed in 1937.

Miss Coleman spent several summers in graduate and professional studies at the University of Wisconsin, the University of Colorado, and the University of California.

Interment was made in Hillshoro, her parental home and where her forebears were early settlers.

## CORINNE WILKING AUBERT

Although the death of Mrs. W. A. Aubert (CORINNE WILKING, '16, 2-yr.) occurred in 1945 at the home of a sister in Zanesville, word of her passing has only recently reached the Alumni Office. A victim of arthritis, she had been confined to a wheel chair for four or five years preceding death.

Her marriage to Mr. Aubert, a French Canadian, was followed by a period of extensive foreign travel.

Mrs. Aubert received a baccalaureate degree from Ohio State University in 1919 and attended a training school for merchandising and personnel work in the East. She had held several important positions, her last as personnel training supervisor of the H. P. Wasson & Co. department store in Indianapolis, Ind.

## PEARL DISTLER POLEN

Mrs. Clelland R. Polen (PEARL DISTLER, '25, 2-yr.), Lewisville, died in Bethesda Hospital, Zanesville, December 8, 1948, following a long illness. She had been a teacher in the Monroe County schools for several years.

Mrs. Polen was married in 1929 and was the mother of two sons, Donald, 14, and George, 9, who, with the husband, survive her.

## RUSSELL ROY DUPLER

RUSSELL R. DUPLER, '28, Enterprise, whose last occupational activity recorded in Alumni Office files was that of "Interviewer, U. S. Employment Service," died Feb. 19, 1948. Only the date of death was included in a recent communication.

# Engagements

Herewith, the picture of RUTH H. ROHDE, '48, Berea, promised last month. Miss Rohde, a Lakewood teacher, is engaged to marry DONN FAHNESTOCK, '48, Englewood, N. J., who is associated with the Picard Advertising Agency in New York City.

JEAN MAREK, '48, Cleveland, secretarial position, Griswold-Eshleman Advertising Agency, to JOHN BOLLINGER, '49, Pitts-



Ruth H. Rohde

burgh, Pa. Mr. Bollinger will study law at the University of Pittsburgh in September.

MARCIA G. BARATZ, '49, Providence, R. I., to Leonard J. Epstein, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., graduate student in bio-chemistry, University of Pennsylvania, (Philadelphia).

DOROTHY M. MALAK, '48, Youngstown, to James R. Thompson. Both Miss Malak and Mr. Thompson are associated with the U. S. Weather Bureau Station at the Detroit Municipal Airport. An October wedding is planned.

DOROTHY L. SCHNEIDER, '48 (picture later), Cleveland, grade school teacher (North Royalton) to Sgt. James Marsico, Jr., Cleveland, Army Air Force. August 20 is the contemplated date.

RUTH A. McCULLOUGH, '37, The Plains, supervisor and instructor, Cleveland Visiting Nurse Association (Cleveland) to Albert D. Wismar, Cleveland, associated with the George R. Klein News Co. The date: July 23. Miss McCullough is the daughter of C. J. McCULLOUGH, '22, The Plains.

MARION E. TOBEY, '48, Cleveland Heights, to WILLIAM M. MORRISON, '48, East Cleveland, with the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. No date has been announced. Miss Tobey is a sister of Mrs. D. William Evans (HELEN TOBEY, '42), Cleveland Heights.



# KEY TO MAP

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1 Palmer Hall                   | 17 Post Office         | 33 Ellis Hall         | 49 Tennis Courts                                     |
| 2 Athens County Courthouse      | 18 Science Hall        | 34 Carnegie Hall      | 50 Caretaker's Residence                             |
| 3 O'Blenss Cottage              | 19 Chemistry Bldg.     | 35 Women's Gymnasium  | 51 Legion Apts.                                      |
| 4 McVay Cottage                 | 20 President Cottage   | 36 Boyd Hall          | 52 Sloane Cottage                                    |
| 5 Student Center Bldg., Annex   | 21 Court Cottage       | 37 Bryan Hall         | 53 Lash Cottages                                     |
| 6 Women's Faculty Club          | 22 Chubb Library       | 38 Garage             | 54 Preston Cottage                                   |
| 7 Student Center Bldg.          | 23 Memorial Auditorium | 39 Agricultural Bldg. | 55 Beckley Cottage                                   |
| 8 Howard Hall                   | 24 Super Hall          | 40 Nurse's Home       | 56 Florence Cottage                                  |
| 9 President's Home              | 25 Men's Gymnasium     | 41 Green House        | 57 Schloss Apts.                                     |
| 10 Home Ec. Practice House      | 26 Lindley Hall        | 42 Music Hall         | 58 Steel-Craft Bldgs.                                |
| 11 University Elementary School | 27 Slatery Cottage     | 43 Hoover Cottage     | 59 Cafeteria   |
| 12 Storage Bldg.                | 28 McGuffey Hall       | 44 Music Hall Annex   | 60 Matthews Cottages                                 |
| 13 Heating Plant                | 29 Wilson Hall         | 45 Men's Dorm         | 61 Worstell Cottage                                  |
| 14 Laundry                      | 30 Cutler Hall         | 46 Pearl St. Cottage  | 62 Engineering Bldg.                                 |
| 15 Garage                       | 31 Ewing Hall          | 47 Pierce Cottage     | A-1 to 18 and B-1 to 5—Temporary Dormitories for Men |
| 16 Sprague Hall                 | 32 Hall of Fine Arts   | 48 Animal Bldg.       |  |









